

Senate Resolution 1058

By: Senators Harp of the 29th and Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce on
2 being the first chamber in Georgia to receive a 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber
3 of Commerce; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce awarded the Greater Columbus Georgia
5 Chamber of Commerce with 5-Star Accreditation, and of the 6,936 chambers in the United
6 States, only 310 are accredited; and

7 WHEREAS, these elite chambers represent the top five percent of all chambers in the United
8 States, and only 13 have been accredited for 35 continuous years like the Greater Columbus
9 Georgia Chamber of Commerce; and

10 WHEREAS, only nine percent of the chambers in the United States have received a 5-Star
11 rating, and Columbus is the first chamber in Georgia to receive such rating; and

12 WHEREAS, accreditation is one of the highest honors bestowed on local chambers fighting
13 for pro-growth and jobs policies at the federal, state, and local levels; and

14 WHEREAS, to achieve accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their
15 operations and programs, including governance, government affairs, and technology; and

16 WHEREAS, the final rating of accreditation depends on the chamber's ability to successfully
17 meet additional criteria, including accountability, financial transparency, employee
18 involvement, political advocacy, and community involvement; and

19 WHEREAS, accreditation means that the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce
20 is recognized by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as one offering quality programs, practicing
21 sound organization procedures, and reliably contributing to positive change in the
22 community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
2 join together to recognize the exemplary work done by the Greater Columbus Georgia
3 Chamber of Commerce and congratulate them on receiving a 5-Star rating from the
4 Accreditation Program sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
6 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber
7 of Commerce.